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If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep Thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills.—Longfellow.

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MARLINTON

THE PRINCIPAL TOWN ON GREENBRIER DIVISION.

HAS NO RIVAL ON A RAILROAD 147 MILES LONG. LOCATION AND INDUSTRIES.

The town of Marlinton has sprung up in the last few years from a settlement consisting of four farm houses to one of the most important towns in the state. As far back as any one can remember the people would predict that some time or other a town would be built at Marlinton Bottom where the waters meet, but whether it would be in the near future, or hundreds of years hence, no one knew.

The Virginia booms started this town in a measure. In 1890

millions of dollars were being expended in starting some twenty

or thirty cities between here and Roanoke. They all proved to be bubbles of the most fragile

and in December 1890, the

big snow fell, and stopped the

trains and lot selling for a few

days and all the booms bursted.

While that snow was on the

ground the site of Marlinton was

purchased and a land company

organized to develop it. A rail-

road was projected from Camden.

Maps were made and lots laid off,

and in the excitement the court-

house was moved here. The hard

times in 1892 hit us and the town

remained until 1899 with about

fifty people. One or two stores

and a blacksmith shop were the

principle industries.

In 1899 a railroad was let to

to contract to run north and south

through the county. The first

railroad was to run east and west

and it shows how admirably

Marlinton is located, when it is

considered that the north and

south route bisected the east and

west route in the center of the

town site.

In 1899 the town began a rapid

but healthy growth. The town is

noted for its handsome buildings.

The site is beautiful. The town

is located on a broad grassy bot-

tom land by the side of clear

waters, and wherever he goes and

whatever city he visits Marlinton

always looks good to the returning

traveler.

As the county seat of one of

the richest counties in the state it

will have the advantage of being

the principal railroad and manu-

facturing center. Already the

investments here exceed a million

dollars and apparently the town

has just begun to grow. We have

a fine court house, which proves

the good judgment of the county

court which built it in the open

fields ten years ago.

TANNERY.

The principle industry is the

tannery, which is said to be the

best and most modern tannery in

the United States. This is not

without reason, as it belongs to

the United States Leather Com-

pany, sometimes called the Leather

Trust, and it is said that the

last tannery it builds is always the

best tannery, and if this is the

best of some 160 which that great

corporation owns, it can well be

called the best tannery in the

United States. The buildings are

fast nearing completion and there

are several acres of ground under

roof. When completed it will

employ an army of men and sup-

port a good sized village in itself.

The company does not run stores

and does not desire even to build

houses for rent and a more de-

sirable industry for the town could

not be imagined. This tannery

will be running by next spring.

It has been about two years in

building, and it has taken longer

to complete on account of the

plans having been greatly en-

larged. It was at first the inten-

tion of the company to build two

tanneries in the county, but Mar-

linton has beaten the Main str-

and supply business is in the hands of the Charleston Milling Company, Elwood Shoemaker and John Curry. They handle goods by car load lots.

Smith & Whiting have a coal and lumber business.

The Marlinton Meat Market, Beard & Ashcroft, proprietors, has built up a large trade in fresh meats along the Greenbrier Division.

Marlinton Harness Company, J. A. Leonard, tailor, R. Simmons, shoemaker, are other industries.

GREENBRIER RIVER LUMBER CO.

The Greenbrier River Lumber Company have a large and well equipped band mill in the upper part of town and a number of houses, forming a little town within itself. It is under the management of John Alexander, who as manager for the Pocahontas Development Company, Greenbrier River Lumber Company, and John T. McGraw's interests has aided most materially in the wonderful development of the town.

OTHER MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

The Rosemont Lumber Company has a flourishing business manufacturing wagons, etc. E. D. King, W. J. Killingsworth and Wood & Moore, have each fine planing and dimension mills.

DRUG STORES.

S. B. Wallace & Company have a handsome drug store and are well stocked with drugs and furnish the county physicians generally with supplies.

FURNITURE STORES.

The Marlinton Furniture Store has a very large stock of furniture as has C. J. Richardson in connection with his hardware business.

Marlinton has also two first-class printing establishments, the Marlinton Messenger and Pocahontas Times, two barber shops, a meat market, five doctors, two blacksmith shops, nine lawyers, three surveyors, one dentist, a fine jewelry store and repairing shop in the Greenbrier Jewelry Company.

It has two fine furnishing stores in J. A. Hoover and the Wallace & King establishments, which enable those who wish to dress well to buy with all the facilities that city stores could give them.

R. B. Slaven has a large tinning and plumber's shop and the livery business is in the hands of E. F. McLaughlin and A. B. Kincaid.

We have endeavored to enumerate the principal business institutions of the town in a very brief manner, and if we have overlooked any in the long list we will make good at another time.

The town has two church buildings. In school facilities we are lacking, but an effort will be made to have this town made an independent school district by the coming legislature, after which we will be in shape to build a fine schoolhouse that will not only be of great advantage to the town but the whole county.

There is not a vacant house in Marlinton and next season will see a building boom rarely equalled. The tannery company will erect a large number of houses, some of which will be

handsome residences. Hunter & Echols will build a large double storeroom on Main street; J. A. Hoover a big clothing store; B. M. Yeager a store building, 26x100 feet, and C. J. Richardson a three-story building; W. J. Gourley will build a business house in the rear of the Bank of Marlinton.

It will be seen from the list here given that Marlinton has made a most remarkable record in the past two years. Just two years ago the principal business part of the town was burned down, but it has been more than built up with far better buildings, as is the case generally with live towns.

The town as it stands today, just on the threshold of real development, is a never-ceasing wonder to those who remember the site as farm lands.

We know of no place where persons seeking to engage in trade in a growing town can be better satisfied. The writer has lived here since the town site was composed of bare fields, and yet the town has filled up so with new people the past summer that to see the people pass on Main street is to see

so many strange faces that it is

UP TO BOYER.

To The Dedication of a Church

W. T. P. Writes of His Trip to Upper

Boyer.

Saturday about noon October 22d, 1904, I was the lone passenger to get out at Boyer Station on my way to attend the dedication of the Kerr Memorial Church at Boyer, four or five miles east of the station just mentioned, where Mr. Book & Sons are operating a flourishing lumber plant.

A week or so previously a disastrous fire had burned a mill and much valuable lumber at Boyer Station, the dense smoke still rising from the smouldering ruins near by.

After the train disappeared there was but one person in sight, Frank Whitmore, from Boyer, who had started at four o'clock to meet the train to get an express package containing